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IN TREATING RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

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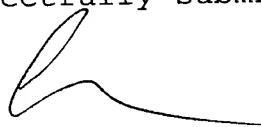
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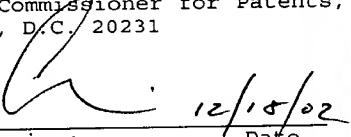
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This application is a continuation of PCT/US99/17178, filed July 27, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part [claims priority] of U.S. Serial No. 09/127,651, filed July 31, 1998, now abandoned, the contents of which are [is] hereby incorporated by reference. Throughout this application, various references are referred to by arabic numbers within parentheses [parenthesis]. Disclosures of these publications in their entireties are hereby incorporated by reference into this application to more fully describe the state of the art to which this invention pertains.